

SENATE RESOLUTION 28

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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize John Daniel Matthews,
2001 Valedictorian of Montgomery Central High
School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, John David Matthews is one such exceptional student who was named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Montgomery Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, John has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, During his remarkable high school career, John has earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average and an outstanding cumulative average of 100.476; and

WHEREAS, John Daniel Matthews has earned countless honors during his high school career and competed admirably in numerous academic competitions; as a four-year member of the Math Team, he won the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association Regional Contest in Geometry in 1999; and

WHEREAS, This talented scholar was honored for a Perfect Paper at the National Latin Exam for three consecutive years; a three-time delegate to the National Latin Convention, he

was a strong competitor in several academic contests annually and garnered first-place honors in Grammar 2, Mottoes 2, Roman Life 2, and Roman Life 3; and

WHEREAS, A thoroughly active member of his school and his community, John has been a participant in the Junior Classical League, the Junior ROTC, the Drama Club, the Boy Scouts of America, and the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, John is an active and devout Christian and he has served as both a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Teacher; and

WHEREAS, A leader among his peers, John received the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award in 1999; in 2001, he was selected for Montgomery Central High School Principal's Leadership Award, which is given by the National Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, John earned recognition as a National Merit Finalist, placing him squarely among the most talented young minds in our nation today; and

WHEREAS, John Daniel Matthews' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, John Daniel Matthews' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at Tennessee Technological University and throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor John Daniel Matthews, the 2001 Valedictorian of Montgomery Central High School, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for much happiness and every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.